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<p align="center">Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief</p>	<p>Application No. 10/715,207</p>	<p>Applicant(s) GREEN ET AL.</p>	
	<p>Examiner PHENUEL S. SALOMON</p>	<p>Art Unit 2178</p>	

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THE REPLY FILED 21 April 2008 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
(a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☐ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
Claim(s) allowed: _____.
Claim(s) objected to: _____.
Claim(s) rejected: _____.
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See Continuation Sheet.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information *Disclosure Statement*(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____.
13. ☐ Other: _____.

/Stephen S. Hong/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2178

Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: applicant arguments filed on 4/21/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive

As per claims 1, 3-21, and 35-37: Doss (US 2003/0046296 A1) discloses users often communicate with one another using an instant messaging (IM) service. Instant messaging services permit a user to transmit an electronic message via a network, such as the Internet, to another user. Typically, users maintain a listing of people frequently contacted via the instant message service. This listing is displayed on their IM client and is often referred to as a "buddy list". The buddy list has function in addition to maintaining a list of frequently contacted users; it is also used to provide information about the users. The buddy list can indicate a user's IM status (e.g., "active"), display user-provided messages (e.g., "I'm in a meeting"), and display system-provided messages (e.g., the amount of time a user is online..... (p.1, para [0007] and [0080] and fig. 7) and Desai (US 6,820,204 B1) was cited to cure the file list deficiencies of Doss by showing a method for creating and designating access to files on the ZDRIVE as described with respect to FIG. 36. The user begins by accessing the information of the ZDRIVE module (step 4402). The user then selects a new file from the user's client computer to upload (step 4404). The user then uploads the file, using the file transfer protocol (FTP) or other standard network information transfer protocol (step 4406). The system then generates a file ID (step 4408), and stores the file ID in the RDBMS 506 (step 4410). The user is given the option to input an instant access code or PIN which will allow both members and non-members instant access to the uploaded file (step 4412). If an instant access code is not created, the user is only given the option to select members... (col. 28, lines 18-38). Therefore, it would have been obvious for an artisan to combine Doss and Desai to arrive to the applicant claimed invention.

As per claims 22, 24-26: Bascom (US 7,111,232 B1) discloses enable invocation of a web browser (fig. 10); a links list listing one or more links to web pages that have been selected by the user for inclusion in the links list (col. 12, lines 47-65 and col. 15, lines 36-46). enable the user to access an individual web page from the links list by selecting the link to the individual web page from the links list (col. 15, lines 43-46); enable the user to share links listed in the links list with one or more of the other users listed in the contacts list (fig. 6, item 650); receive an indication of a selection by the user of a particular link to a web page from the links list (col. 20, lines 19-24); and if the web browser is not presently invoked when the indication of the selection of the particular link is received, trigger invocation of the web browser and cause the web page corresponding to the particular link to be rendered within the web browser in response to receiving the indication of the selection of the particular link (col. 20, lines 38-47). Bascom features were combined with Doss to facilitate important information sharing without interruption while performing a current task.

As per claim 28, 30-33, and 38: Dunlap (.US 6,560,637 B1), while teaching receiving from the user, a request to share another link listed in the links of list with a particular other user listed in the contacts list (col. 5, lines 23-25) (col.6, lines 17-34) [a user with a valid password is a particular user]; and; in response to receiving the to share the other link with the particular other user, initiating a transfer of the particular other link to the particular other user. (col. 5, lines 35-43), comes to cure the deficiencies of Doss and Bascom combination. And Megiddo et al.(US 6,725,269 B1) comes into play to cure deficiencies in claims 30-31.